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1. Günther Stempel took a prominent part in arranging for the LDP conference which started in Eisenach on 26 February 1949. Stempel has been acting as "General Secretary" of the party for a short time, despite the fact that he was not elected to any such post, and only recently joined the LDP. His importance is derived from his connections with the officers of the Information Section of the SMA, particularly Colonel Sergei I. Tyulpanov.
2. Günther Stempel was for a time on the editorial staff of the Tägliche Rundschau, the overt Soviet organ in the Russian Zone. His association with the "LDP Apparat" has enabled him to denounce several LDP leaders, who have since been arrested by the Soviet authorities. His reports were responsible for the orders to the editor-in-chief of the Morgen, the LDP newspaper, that he should print articles condemning all "conspiratorial" circles of the LDP.
3. Stempel was responsible for the selection of the delegates who were permitted to go to the Eisenach convention. Before the convention, he submitted to the SMA a list of the delegates with a résumé of their political backgrounds.

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